

WESTBROOK CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Regular Meeting Minutes – August 17, 2010

Members present: Chairman Tom ODell, Marty Marx, Bob Peterson, Mike Oryl, Don Harger, Randy Bell and John Rie.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Tom ODell.

Minutes – July 20, 2010: Upon a motion by John Rie, seconded by Don Harger, it was:
VOTED: Unanimously to approve the minutes of July 20, 2010, as corrected.

Bills: Upon a motion by Mike Oryl, seconded by Don Harger, it was:
VOTED: Unanimously to approve the payment of the following bills:
\$107.06 to Kathleen Kelemen for Secretarial duties.

Correspondence:

1. Copy of IWWC July 2010 Agent Report.
2. Copy of 7/27/10 Zoning Commission Minutes.

Chairman's Report: None.

Open Space Program:

- **Horse Hill Gorge: Parking area – vote on location:** Upon a motion by Marty Marx, seconded by Randy Bell, it was:
VOTED: Unanimously that the parking area for Horse Hill Gorge will be included in the 7.5 acre parcel to be purchased from the Ross Family.
- **Horse Hill Gorge – Ross 7.5 acres – sales agreement update:** Attorney Wells is working on the sales agreement. There was discussion of including the appropriate wording for the sign that is to be erected on the main road.
- **Salt Island Overlook Update:** Chairman ODell stated that the grant has been approved and the contract was signed today. The work may start this week. The cost of the multi flora rose extermination is not included in the herbicide treatment. The cost for this will be \$435.00. Upon
Upon a motion by Mike Oryl, seconded by Marty Marx, it was:
VOTED: Unanimously to utilize the Open Space line item funding in the regular budget to pay for the application needed to the multi flora rose during the rapid growth stage.
All work should be completed by August. Brendan has been cutting as needed and has cleared a large area near the marsh. The monitoring of the plots is completed.
- **Chapman Mill Pond – Dam improvements:** Shirley Sciongay Carroll has gotten an estimate of \$1,040.00 to remove the trees and plants that are on top of the dam. This work will probably not be done until October. Attorney Wells is still working on the percentage of the Town's responsibility for any work being done (Sales agreement vs. warranty deed).
- **Horse Hill Woods – Sign Treatment:** Chairman ODell stated that the sign has been treated and painted.

- **Open Space Plan: Incorporation into POCD, Green Infrastructure:** Chairman ODell stated that he has been working with Town Planner Meg Parulis on how to integrate the Open Space Plan (Green Infrastructure) to the Plan of Conservation and Development. Information was passed out to all members for their review. The matter will be discussed at the September Meeting.

Mulvey Environmental Education Walkway

Brendan is only working a couple of days per week. His last couple of weeks he will concentrate on the Mulvey Walkway.

Plan of Conservation and Development

No meetings are scheduled at this time.

Old Business:

- **Zoning Appeal No. 10-06: Lot 17 Pointina Road: to allow 10' set back where 50' is required: Action as needed.**
The Engineer for the applicant has submitted new engineering plans in response to the concerns of Woodard and Curran. There are some changes to the storm water management. The State has commented that they feel that there is not much of a change from the last application. Woodard and Curran will be reviewing the new plans.
- **IWWC Referral Z0814 – Applicant David Scranton: South side of Boston Post Road, Assessors Map #28, Lot #S116, Update:**
The concerns of this Commission were addressed in the conditions of approval given by the IWWC.
- **IWWC Referral: Applicant Michael Dattilo (Water's Edge): Construction of 2 Tennis Courts, north parking lot, Boston Post Road:**
This application has been forwarded to Woodard and Curran for review.

New Business: None.

Reports:

- a. **Planning Commission:** Nothing to report.
- b. **Zoning Commission:** The Lee Company will be coming forward with an application requesting a zone change to Light Industrial at the Pettipaug Road area.
- c. **Inland Wetlands:** Previously discussed.
- d. **Harbor Commission:** John Rie stated that the Town has been approved for additional funds for dredging. The matter of "Harbor Commission" vs. "Harbor Management Commission" will be discussed at the next Town Meeting.
Upon a motion by Don Harger, seconded by Bob Peterson, it was:
VOTED: Unanimously to show support of the change of the "Harbor Commission" to the "Harbor Management Commission" at the Town Meeting.

e. **Town Center Committee:** Nothing to report.

Upon a motion by Marty Marx, seconded by John Rie, it was:
VOTED: Unanimously to adjourn at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Kathleen H. Kelemen, Secretary